

For over 25 years, Stephen Hill has played an instrumental role in shaping the future of Balboa Park, serving as a steadfast advocate, trusted advisor, and key influencer under multiple City administrations, including those of Councilmember Toni Atkins, Councilmember and Assemblymember Todd Gloria, and Mayor Todd Gloria.

Mr. Hill's impact on Balboa Park has been far-reaching and profound. He was a driving force behind the reform and revitalization of the Balboa Park Committee, transforming it into a stronger, more effective advisory body. Through his advocacy, annual funding for the Park's cultural institutions became a sustained priority, ensuring their continued vibrancy and service to the public.

Stephen has been a critical liaison between Balboa Park's institutions and City Hall, fostering collaborative relationships and advancing numerous capital projects throughout the park. His leadership has been essential in brokering lease agreements with institutions such as the World Beat Center, Forever Balboa Park, and the Mingei International Museum—securing long-term commitments that benefit both the institutions and the public.

With a steadfast commitment to infrastructure and preservation, Stephen has championed the prioritization of building maintenance, repairs, and rehabilitations across the Central Mesa. His advocacy has led to increased grant funding and capital support for facilities and landmarks, including:

- Starlight Bowl
- Spreckels Organ Pavilion
- Marston House
- Casa del Prado
- Botanical Building
- Municipal Gym
- Federal Building
- Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre
- Balboa Park Police Team

As a trusted source of policy guidance, Stephen worked closely with City staff on a wide range of park improvements, always bringing a collaborative and strategic approach to problem-solving. He has provided invaluable advice to community stakeholders and members of the public seeking to navigate City Hall and the legislative process.

Stephen Hill has also been a leading champion for the upcoming update to the Balboa Park Master Plan and the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the rehabilitation of both the Starlight Bowl and the Village Grill—initiatives that will ensure the Park continues to thrive for generations to come.

Throughout his tenure, Stephen has consistently used his position to foster public-private partnerships, encourage collaboration, and support the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of one of San Diego's most treasured public assets.

His legacy of service, commitment, and leadership in Balboa Park stands as a testament to the impact one dedicated individual can have on San Diego's crown jewel, Balboa Park.